custody. He has been placed under suspension by the Competent Authority with effect from 27th June, 2000 and disciplinary proceedings are alos being initiated against him.

Recommendation of Fifth Pay Commission concerning senior citizens

3364. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) The recommendations made by the Fifth Pay Commission which benefit the retired Central Government employees who have become senior citizens; and

(b) the action taken by Government in accepting each of the recommendations concerning the senior citizens?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) The Fifth Central Pay Commission received representations for increasing the extent of concession available to senior citizens in rail fare from the existing 25% to 50% and also for extending this concession to all pensioners or at least to those who are of the age of 50 years and above. The Fifth Central Pay Commission considered this demand and recommended that the existing 25% concession in railway fare should be allowed to persons above 60 years of age.

(b) The above recommendation of the Fifth Central Pay Commission was considered by the Government. It was, however, not found acceptable.

Modification in recruitment rules

3365. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Department of Personnel and Training have issued instructions to all Ministries that suitable note be incorporated in Recruitment Rules so that seniors who have completed probation period are also be considered for promotion where the juniors who have completed requisite service are being considered;

(b) whether it is a also a fact that these instructions were modified slightly later on so that relaxation in qualifying service does not exceed by two years;